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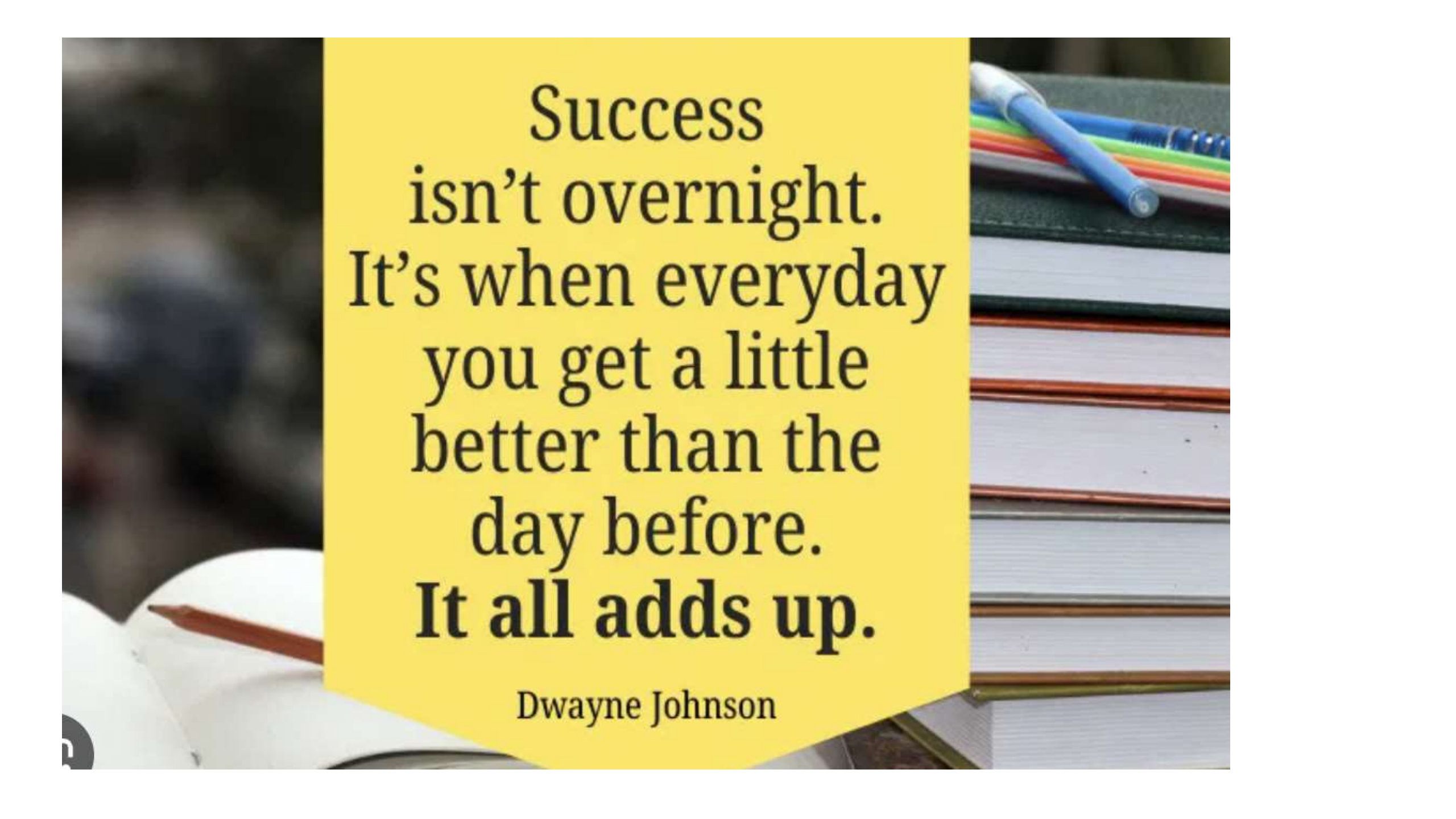
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Iran defies Trump, warns protesters of punishment without 'any leniency'

Associated Press

DUBAI

Iran signalled on Friday that security forces would crack down on protesters, directly challenging U.S. President Donald Trump's pledge to support those demonstrating as the death toll rose to at least 50.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei dismissed Mr. Trump as having hands "stained with the blood of Iranians" as supporters shouted "Death to America!" in footage aired by Iranian state television. State media later repeatedly referred to demonstrators as "terrorists," setting the stage for a violent crackdown like those that followed other protests in recent years.

Protesters are "ruining their own streets... in order to please the President of the U.S.," Mr. Khamenei said to a crowd at his compound in Tehran. "Because he said that he would come to their aid. He should pay attention to



In rage: Several protesters gather amid burning vehicles during anti-government unrest in Tehran, Iran. REUTERS

the state of his own country instead."

Iran's judiciary chief Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei separately vowed that punishment for protesters "will be decisive, maximum and without any legal leniency".

Trump repeats threat

There was no immediate response from Washington, though Mr. Trump has repeated his pledge to strike Iran if protesters are killed, a threat that's taken on greater significance af-

ter the U.S. military raid that seized Venezuela's Nicolás Maduro.

Despite Iran's government cutting off the nation from the Internet and international telephone calls, short online videos shared by activists purported to show protesters chanting against Iran's government around bonfires as debris littered the streets in the capital, Tehran, and other areas into Friday morning.

Iranian state media alleged "terrorist agents" of

the U.S. and Israel set fires and sparked violence. It also said there were "casualties," without elaborating.

The protests also represented the first test of whether the Iranian public could be swayed by the Opposition leader in exile, Reza Pahlavi, whose fatally ill father fled Iran just before the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Mr. Pahlavi, who called for the protests on Thursday night, similarly has called for demonstrations on Friday night.

Demonstrations have included cries in support of the deposed monarch, something that could bring a death sentence in the past but now underlines the anger fuelling the protests that began over Iran's ailing economy.

So far, violence around the demonstrations has killed at least 50 people while more than 2,270 others have been detained, said the U.S.-based Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA).

Event (EN/HI)	Time / दसक	Key leaders & actors / प्रमुख व्यक्ति	Main causes / प्रमुख कारण	Key outcomes / परिणाम	
Constitutional Revolution / दस्तावेजी क्रांति	1905–1911	Ulama + bazaar merchants + modernists; Majles supporters / दरुल-उलूम, बाजार व्यापारी + आधुनिक, मजलिस समर्थक	Autocracy of Qajar, foreign influence (Russia/UK), economic grievances / त्रान्त्रिकीय अत्याचार, अंग्रेज व रूस का प्रभाव, आर्थिक दुर्दशा	Majles (Parliament) + Constitution ; limits on monarchy (contested later) / मजलिस + संविधान, राजतन्त्र पर प्रतिबंध (बाद में विवादित)	
Rise of Pahlavi (Reza Shah) / हणचक्र का पुनर्-क्षेत्र (not a “revolution”, but system change)	1921 coup → 1925 dynasty	Reza Khan (Reza Shah) / घाफ़र ख़ान	Weak Qajar state, centralization push / कमजोर क़ाज़र राज्य, केंद्रीकरण प्रयास	Pahlavi monarchy; secular-modernizing state-building / हणचक्र राजतन्त्र, उदार-आधुनिक राज्य-निर्माण	
Mossadegh & 1953 Coup / समद मुहम्मद और 1953 का मोड़ (turning point)	1951–1953	PM Mohammad Mossadegh; Shah; foreign intelligence / प्रधानमंत्री मोसदघ, शाह, विदेशी गुप्तचर	Oil nationalization conflict; Cold War geopolitics / तेल का राष्ट्रीयकरण, ठंडे युद्ध का प्रभाव	Mossadegh removed; Shah’s power strengthened / मोसदघ हटाया गया, शाह की शक्ति मजबूत हुई	
White Revolution / “ऊपर से नीचे” (Top-down reforms)	1963 onward	Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi / शाह मोहम्मद रज़ा पهلवी	Land reforms, modernization, women’s rights, literacy; also to undercut clergy/left / भूमि सुधार, आधुनिकीकरण, महिला अधिकार, साक्षरता; साथ ही धर्म/बायें को कमजोर करने का प्रयास	Social change + backlash from clergy; contributed to opposition growth / समाज में बदलाव + धर्मियों से प्रतिक्रिया; विरोध बढ़ा	
Islamic Revolution / क़ाज़र क्रांति	1977–1979 (peak 1979)	Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini + broad coalition / आयतल्लाह ख़ोमेनी + व्यापक गठबंधन	Authoritarian monarchy, inequality, perceived westernization, repression (SAVAK) / अत्याचार, असमानता, पश्चिमीकरण का प्रभाव, उत्पीड़न (सावक)	Shah overthrown; Islamic Republic established; clerical rule / शाह को हटाया गया, इस्लामी गणराज्य स्थापित, धार्मिक शासन	
Iran–Iraq War impact (Revolution consolidation) / हफ़ाज़-सफ़रद का प्रभाव (context)	1980–1988	Islamic Republic vs Iraq / इस्लामी गणराज्य बनाम इराक़	Border/strategic rivalry; post-revolution vulnerability / सीमा/रणनीतिक प्रतिस्पर्धा, क्रांति के बाद की कमजोरी	Consolidation of regime; militarization; IRGC rise / शासन का मजबूत होना, सैनिकीकरण, इरगु की शक्ति	

Protest wave (EN/HI)	Time / दूखग	Trigger / शुरुआत	Nature / सचेत	State response / राज्य सरकार	Exam-ready keywords / इन्हें- जुड़ें
Student protests / छात्र आंदोलन	1999	Closure of reformist newspaper; campus anger / १ अग्रणी पत्रिका, छात्रों में दखल	Student-led, reformist demands / छात्रों के १ आग्रह	Crackdown; shaped reform vs hardliner politics / दखल	“Reformists vs conservatives”; civil society
Green Movement / हरित आंदोलन	2009	Disputed presidential election results / दोषित राष्ट्रपति चुनाव परिणाम	Mass urban protests; “Where is my vote?” / “सबसे बड़ा सवाल?”	Heavy repression; arrests / दखल	Elections legitimacy, digital mobilization, “color revolutions” comparison
Economic protests / आर्थिक हड़तालें	2017–2018	Inflation, unemployment, regional inequality / सुरक्षा, बेरोजगारी, क्षेत्रीय असमानता	Spread to smaller towns; economic focus / छोटे शहरों में फैल गया / आर्थिक ध्यान	Crackdown	“Sanctions + economy + governance” linkage
Fuel-price protests / इंधन की कीमतों पर आंदोलन	2019	Sudden fuel price hike / १ अचानक इंधन की कीमतों में वृद्धि	Widespread, intense; economic anger / व्यापक, तीव्र, आर्थिक गुस्सा	Internet shutdown + severe crackdown / इंटरनेट बंदी + दखल	“Internet shutdown as tool”; social media control
Mahsa Amini protests / शहमा अमीनी आंदोलन (“Woman, Life, Freedom”)	2022	Death of Mahsa Amini after morality police detention / आमिरा अमीनी की मृत्यु के बाद नैतिकता पुलिस के दखल	Women-led + youth; hijab/rights + broader anti-regime anger / महिलाओं की नेतृत्व + युवा; हिजाब/अधिकारों + व्यापक शासन विरोध	Strong crackdown; executions reported by rights groups / तीव्र दखल; अधिकार समूहों द्वारा मृत्यु की रिपोर्टें	Keywords: morality police , hijab, women’s rights, diaspora activism
Ongoing/unrest cycles / निरंतर चक्र / १ दखल दे	2023–Aug 2025 (broad)	Economy + rights + regional tensions / आर्थिक + अधिकारों + क्षेत्रीय तनाव	Periodic strikes/protests / आवधिक हड़तालें/आंदोलन	Security-centric response / सुरक्षा-केंद्रित प्रतिक्रिया	Link with sanctions, inflation, legitimacy, regional geopolitics

Topic (EN/HI)	Key facts (Exam-ready)
Strait of Hormuz / होर्मुज़ जलडमरूमध्य	Links Persian Gulf ↔ Gulf of Oman; ~20–25% global oil flows via this chokepoint / फ़ारस की खाड़ी ↔ ओमान की खाड़ी; दुनिया के तेल का बड़ा हिस्सा यहीं से
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) / जीसीसी	Members: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE; Iran not a member / 6 सदस्य; ईरान सदस्य नहीं
OPEC / ओपेक	Founded 1960; HQ Vienna ; founding members include Iran among others / स्थापना 1960; मुख्यालय वियना; संस्थापकों में ईरान शामिल
JCPOA (Iran Nuclear Deal) / ईरान परमाणु समझौता	2015 deal (Iran + P5+1 & EU): peaceful nuclear limits ↔ sanctions relief / शांतिपूर्ण कार्यक्रम की शर्तें ↔ प्रतिबंधों में राहत
India & Hormuz dependency / भारत और होर्मुज़	A significant share of India's crude & LNG transits the route (energy-risk lens) / भारत की ऊर्जा-सुरक्षा का बड़ा जोखिम-बिंदु

Exam	Date (as per source)	Question (short)
UPSC CSE Prelims	2016	Which of the following is NOT a member of GCC? (Iran/Saudi/Oman/Kuwait)
UPSC CDS (GK)	23 Oct 2016	Match straits: Hormuz → Gulf of Persia (among options)
UPSC CSE Mains (GS2)	2018	US–Iran Nuclear Pact controversy: impact on India + response
SSC CGL Tier-I	17 Sept 2024 (Shift 1)	Match items includes "India–GCC FTA negotiations began in ____"
UPPSC PCS Prelims (GS Paper-I)	2025	GCC membership (question includes Iran/Iraq etc.)
BPSC DSO	03 Aug 2025	Strait of Hormuz situated between which gulfs?
RRB NTPC CBT-2 (Level-3)	14 Jun 2022 (Shift 1)	India is NOT a permanent member of which organization?
IBPS PO Mains (GA memory-based list)	20 Nov 2016	Where is HQ of OPEC located?

Q. With reference to the news, consider the statements: / समाचार के संदर्भ में कथन देखिए:

- 1.** The report indicates Iranian authorities warned of "maximum punishment without leniency" for protesters. / रिपोर्ट में प्रदर्शनकारियों के लिए "बिना रियायत अधिकतम सज़ा" की चेतावनी है।
- 2.** The report mentions the protests were linked to Iran's ailing economy. / रिपोर्ट में प्रदर्शन को ईरान की बिगड़ती अर्थव्यवस्था से जोड़ा गया है।

Which is correct? / सही विकल्प:

- A) 1 only / केवल 1
- B) 2 only / केवल 2
- C) Both 1 and 2 / 1 और 2 दोनों
- D) Neither 1 nor 2 / न 1 न 2

**HC rejects
plea against
EC's power to
grant status**

The Mindy Project
New England

The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed a petition challenging the recognition of political parties as national or State-level parties by the Election Commission (EC).

The petitioner argued that the BC illegally recognized the political parties at the national or state-level where it has no power to do so. It said that national and state-level political parties

were allotted who then were built for campaigning much before the elections, who were candidates of a "hardly-born political party" would get a symbol only after the state of necessity, loading it with little value.

Lake slice



A tourist poses with a shaft of ice from the partially frozen Lake in Strömmen on Friday as temperatures rise.

Cong. flags 'lapses' in tableaux procurement for Patel anniversary

The Illinois Bureau
of Labor Statistics

The Congress on Friday accused the Union Home Ministry of bypassing standard tendering procedures in the procurement of the tableware for the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of former Vallabhbhai Patel in Gujarat. The party also questioned the role of Pankaj Modi, brother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in brokering the tableware.

Against MP Shaktisinh Gohil said the Ministry had issued a circular stating the guidelines for 'Eka Parade' should be prepared and from free selected areas. Mr. Gohil said, "How were these free selected? Are the doors were closed, no one was invited... It

their circulation, they say it is "mainly necessary considering the paucity of time." He answered, Mr. Child asked the justification of each of these was unreasonable, as prepared

Erreger von Pöbel als Kadaver

He further alleged that the Ministry approached the Farid Mohd as an expert to finalize the tableware on a daily communication of RM1,000, despite his lack of qualifications.

Regarding Mr. Farid Mohd's current compensation, Mr. Ghafar said he was initially appointed as a Class-III employee in the General Information Department and later rose to the rank of a Class-I officer. He alleged service rules were violated, including promotions in 2003, 2008 and 2014.

All candidates will have to undergo face authentication at exam venues, says UPSC

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) said on Friday that all candidates appearing in the examinations conducted by the Commission “will undergo face authentication at the venue”.

The update was posted on UPSC’s website on Friday.

After pilot project

Earlier in September 2025, the Commission conducted a pilot programme to test AI-enabled facial authentication technology for swift and secure candidate verification during two examinations.

The pilot was conducted with the assistance of

National e-Governance Division (NeGD).

UPSC said the initiative seeks to strengthen the integrity of the examination process and enhance the ease of entry for candidates at examination centres.

The pilot was carried out at select centres in Gurugram, Haryana where the facial images of candidates were digitally matched with the photographs submitted in their registration forms.

The new system reduced verification time to an average of just 8 to 10 seconds per candidate, significantly streamlining the entry process while adding an extra layer of security.

On July 10, 2025, UPSC published a fresh tender



A pilot exercise was carried out at select centres in Gurugram.

seeking bids from public sector undertakings (PSU) “to match and cross-check the biometric details of the candidates to prevent cheating, fraud, unfair means and impersonation”.

The document said the Commission desires to incorporate Aadhaar-based

fingerprint authentication (or else digital fingerprint capturing) and facial recognition of candidates, scanning of QR code of e-admit cards.

It said that UPSC conducts 14 major examinations and a number of recruitment tests in around 3,000 venues across 180 centres with a candidature ranging up to 12 lakhs.

Questions over integrity

Over the past two-years, the 100-year-old institution introduced several changes to strengthen the examination system which came under a cloud amid the NEET examination row and IAS probationer Puja Khedkar’s case.

Ms. Khedkar allegedly forged identity documents

and a person with benchmark disability (PwBD) certificate to secure entry into the Indian Administrative Service (IAS).

UPSC has registered a criminal case against Ms. Khedkar for “misrepresenting and falsifying facts to obtain extra attempts in CSE-2022, beyond the prescribed limit”.

For the civil services examination in 2024, the rules were amended and the online submission of educational, caste and physical disability certificates was made mandatory at the stage of preliminary examinations, unlike earlier when documents were to be scanned and uploaded once a candidate qualified for the Mains examination.

- **UPSC का नया निर्देश / New UPSC directive**
 - All candidates appearing in UPSC-conducted exams **must undergo face authentication at the exam venue.** / UPSC की परीक्षाओं में बैठने वाले सभी उम्मीदवारों का परीक्षा केंद्र पर फेस ऑथेंटिकेशन होगा।
 - The update was posted on UPSC's website (Friday). / यह अपडेट UPSC वेबसाइट पर (शुक्रवार) डाला गया।
- **Pilot project (Sept 2025) / पायलट प्रोजेक्ट (सितंबर 2025)**
 - UPSC ran a pilot to test **AI-enabled facial authentication** for faster & secure verification during two exams. / 2 परीक्षाओं में AI आधारित फेस ऑथेंटिकेशन का पायलट किया गया।
 - Pilot done with support of **National e-Governance Division (NeGD).** / यह पायलट **NeGD** की सहायता से हुआ।
- **Where & how it worked / कहाँ और कैसे**
 - At select centres in **Gurugram, Haryana**, candidate face images were **digitally matched** with photos submitted in registration forms. / गुरुग्राम (हरियाणा) में उम्मीदवार के चेहरे की इमेज को रजिस्ट्रेशन फोटो से **डिजिटल मैच** किया गया।
 - Verification time reduced to **8–10 seconds per candidate** (faster entry + extra security layer). / प्रति उम्मीदवार औसतन **8–10 सेकंड** में वेरिफिकेशन; एंट्री तेज + सुरक्षा बढ़ी।

- **Tender & expansion / टेंडर और विस्तार**

- On **10 July 2025**, UPSC issued a tender seeking PSU bids to match/cross-check biometric details to prevent **cheating, fraud, unfair means, impersonation**. / 10 जुलाई 2025 को PSU से बायोमेट्रिक क्रॉस-चेक हेतु टेंडर— नकल/धोखाधड़ी/इम्परसनेशन रोकने हेतु।
- Proposed components: **Aadhaar-based fingerprint authentication (or digital fingerprint capture), facial recognition, and QR code scanning of e-admit cards**. / प्रस्तावित: आधार आधारित फिंगरप्रिंट, फेस रिकग्निशन, ई-अडमिट के QR की स्कैनिंग।

- **Scale of UPSC exams / UPSC का स्केल**

- UPSC conducts **14 major examinations** + recruitment tests at **~3,000 venues** across **180 centres**, with candidature up to **12 lakh**. / UPSC की 14 बड़ी परीक्षाएँ, ~3000 वेन्यू, 180 केंद्र, अधिकतम 12 लाख कैंडिडेट्स।

- **Integrity context / परीक्षा-शुचिता का संदर्भ**

- Past 2 years: multiple changes to strengthen examination system amid debates on integrity (NEET row) and **Puja Khedkar case**. / पिछले 2 वर्षों में परीक्षा प्रणाली मजबूत करने हेतु बदलाव; नीट विवाद व पूजा खेडकर केस की पृष्ठभूमि।
- Report says UPSC filed criminal case for misrepresentation to obtain extra attempts in **CSE-2022** beyond prescribed limit; also allegations around **PwBD certificate** misuse. / CSE-2022 में अतिरिक्त प्रयास हेतु गलत तथ्य/दस्तावेज—आपराधिक केस; **PwBD प्रमाणपत्र** को लेकर आरोप।
- CSE 2024: online submission of educational/caste/disability certificates made mandatory at prelim stage. / CSE 2024: प्रीलिम्स स्टेज पर प्रमाणपत्रों की ऑनलाइन सबमिशन अनिवार्य।

Topic (EN/HI)	Key fact (Exam-ready)	Source
What is Face Authentication? / क्या है चेहरे की पहचान?	UIDAI's face authentication verifies identity by matching live face scan with the face captured during Aadhaar enrolment. / चेहरे की पहचान UIDAI द्वारा लाइव फेस स्कैन के साथ एडधार एंरोलमेंट के दौरान कैपचर की गई फेस से मिलान करके की जाती है।	(UIDAI)
Aadhaar biometric modes / एडधार बायोमेट्रिक मोड्स	Aadhaar authentication ecosystem includes biometric matching (fingerprint/iris and other modalities); multi-factor possible. / एडधार प्रमाणीकरण इकोसिस्टम बायोमेट्रिक मैचिंग (फिंगरप्रिंट/आईरिस और अन्य मोडालिटीज) शामिल है; बहु-कारक संभव है।	(UIDAI)
UIDAI status / UIDAI का स्थिति	UIDAI is a statutory authority under Aadhaar Act, 2016 (under MeitY). / UIDAI एडधार अधिनियम, 2016 (MeitY के अधीन) के तहत एक कानूनी प्राधिकारिता है।	(UIDAI)
NeGD / न्यू डिजिटल गवर्नंस डेवेलपमेंट	NeGD created under MeitY (Digital India Corporation ecosystem) to support e-governance programme management & implementation. / न्यू डिजिटल गवर्नंस डेवेलपमेंट MeitY (डिजिटल इंडिया कॉर्पोरेशन इकोसिस्टम) के तहत बनाया गया है, जो ई-गवर्नंस कार्यक्रमों के प्रबंधन और कार्यान्वयन का समर्थन करता है।	(Digital India)
PwBD benchmark / PwBD बेंचमार्क	"Person with benchmark disability" = not less than 40% disability (as certified). / 40% से अधिक गंभीरता से प्रमाणित विकलांगता।	(India Code)

Exam	Date (as per source)	Question theme (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims	2018	Aadhaar: proof of citizenship/domicile? & can Aadhaar be deactivated?	Neither statement is correct
UPSC CSE Prelims	2018	Aadhaar open APIs imply what? (device integration / iris auth)	Both correct
SSC CHSL Tier-I	11 Jul 2024 (Shift 2)	UIDAI is under which ministry?	MeitY
SSC CPO	23 Nov 2020 (Shift 2)	UIDAI is statutory authority under which ministry?	MeitY
FCI AG III (Memory-based)	14 Jan 2023 (Shift 2)	"Headquarter in New Delhi won GRIHA award 2022" – identify org	UIDAI HQ
SBI CBO (Memory-based)	21 Jan 2024	KYC periodic verification + OVDs include Aadhaar?	As per given options in paper (statement-based)
Railway (RRB) Official FAQ (CEN 03/2024)	2024 (FAQ PDF)	Why Aadhaar verification is required?	To ensure genuineness & curb impersonation

- News **UPSC will use face authentication** / Consider the statements (as per the news report):
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- **Select the correct option:**
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IN BRIEF



DRDO conducts key test for hypersonic missile programme

The Defence Research & Development Laboratory, the Hyderabad-based laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation, has achieved a milestone in India's hypersonic missile programme with the successful long-duration ground test of an actively-cooled scramjet full-scale combustor. The Defence Ministry said the test was conducted on Friday at the DRDO's state-of-the-art Scramjet Connect Pipe Test Facility, where the combustor demonstrated sustained performance for over 12 minutes. The successful trial positions India among the global leaders in advanced hypersonic, aerospace technologies.

Tusker claims 2 more lives in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum

A wild elephant killed two more people, including a minor, in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand on Friday. The incident happened in Tilokti village. In the past nine days, the tusker has killed 17 people in the Chhaisa Forest division, Aditya Narayan, Forest Divisional Officer (DFO), Chhaisa, said. "We are camping in the forest and all efforts are being made to identify, and tranquillise the elephant. So far 17 people have been killed by the wild elephant. However, we are not sure how many rogue elephants are there. We are also not sure whether the elephant has come from Odisha or from the forest of Chhaisa."

14 killed, 33 injured as bus plunges into deep gorge in Himachal's Sirmour district

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

At least 14 passengers were killed and 33 injured on Friday after a private bus fell into a deep gorge near Haripur village in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmour district.

The bus was on its way from Shimla to Kupri via Rajgarh when it veered off the road and fell into a more than 100 metre gorge around 2.45 p.m., according to a government statement.

The injured were admitted to the civil hospital at Haripur and the medical college in Nahan, while the seriously injured were referred to the Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMC) in Shimla.

Chief Minister Sukhvir



Passengers being rescued after a private bus rolled down from the road at Sirmour district on Friday. (AP/VOA)

"Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. Praying for the speedy recovery of those injured. An ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh from the PMNRF (Prime Minister's National Relief Fund) would be given to the next of kin of the deceased and ensure the best medical care to the injured. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the loss of lives was "extremely sad and devastating."

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DPDP Act does not 'dilute' RTI Act, A-G says in opinion

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Attorney-General R. Venkatesh has said in a written opinion that the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 did not "dilute" the Right to Information Act, 2009, a government source said.

Civil society groups and transparency advocates have argued that the Act's amendment of Section 80 (D), turning a partial exemption for government bodies to turn over "personal" information into a full exemption, undermined transparency.

However, Mr. Venkatesh said that a different part of the RTI Act, which had not been amended, would allow government bodies to disclose any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Central Public Information Officer of the State Public Information Authority or the specified authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the disclosure of such information, with a proviso that information that cannot be denied to Parliament cannot be denied to citizens.

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The Centre, which notified the RTI amendment in November 2023, even as other parts of the DPDP Act were given a 12-month implementation timeline, has made a similar argument. Section 80 (D) of the RTI Act lists on exemptions where "there shall be no obligation to give any citizen" information in response to a request.

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Speaking on the occasion, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said 2026 would be the year of major reforms for Prasar Bharati, with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting also undergoing complete restructuring.

Therefore, in these reforms, he said, would orient institutions such as Doordarshan and All India Radio towards industry participation, new generation creators, and technology driven processes.

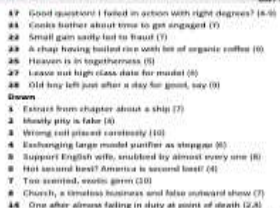
The programme will be telecast at 7 p.m. on Monday to Friday, with a repeat telecast the following day at 9.30 a.m.

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- Across
- 1 A line in middle of the staircase, regularly crossed for games (6)
 - 2 Period of longing over 100 years (5)
 - 3 Plant with mistle an antidote (6)
 - 4 Parah jumping King and a fellow (10)
 - 5 Miller's good deal with vacuum cleaner (7)
 - 6 Rejected number composed outside (7)

SUDOKU



- Down
- 1 Toward from chapter about a ship (7)
 - 2 Usually pity is false (4)
 - 3 Wrong coin placed carelessly (10)
 - 4 Exchanging large model puzzle for steppage (6)
 - 5 Support English with, enabled by almost every one (8)
 - 6 Not second best? America to second best? (6)
 - 7 Too excited, even green (10)
 - 8 Church, a timeless business and false outward show (7)
 - 9 One after almost falling in duty at point of death (2,4)
 - 10 Lapse where work place having large riches or animals (3,7)
 - 11 Sluggish value shape crossing borders he upward mobility (6)
 - 12 Ordinary vacuum breaks, dead at heart distress (7)
 - 13 Make new request for parole original education to test (7)
 - 14 Small joke about capturing Pakistan's top city (6)
 - 15 Thought held in Buddhist space (4)
 - 16 Not true grows on us (4)

FAITH
Narrated to Janamejaya

Once, Vyasa's disciple Rishi Maharshi was telling other sages about Lord Narayana's supremacy. He saw Balaram, Krishna's elder brother, approach, but he did not stop his narration. Balaram felt insulted and he cut off the sage's head with his axe. The other sages said there was no one to explain things to them, now that Balaram had killed the only knowledgeable person. Balaram regretted his hasty action, but could not undo what he had done. So he transferred the dead man's knowledge to his son Parashurama. The latter taught sage Saunaka and other sages. Knowledge has come down to us from these sages, says Theerthapada Aravindacharan in a discourse.

Abhimanyu, who perished in the Kurukshetra war, was the son of Arjuna and Subhadra. Abhimanyu married Urru and in them was born Parashurama. Parashurama married Madhavi, and to them was born Janamejaya. Thus, Janamejaya was a descendant of the Pandavas. Janamejaya performed a yaga. Vyasa visited him while he was doing the yaga. Janamejaya asked Vyasa to tell him the story of the Pandavas. Vyasa instructed his disciple Vaisampayana to narrate the story to Janamejaya. Vaisampayana narrated the Mahabharata to Janamejaya. The Mahabharata has 18 parvas, each of which has sub-divisions known as upa parvas. Each upa parva has many chapters. The first parva is the Ashv parva, which tells of how the Mahabharata was born, who Janamejaya was, and how Vaisampayana told the story of his ancestors. This parva traces the birth of the Pandavas, the enmity between the Kauravas and the Pandavas, and the division of the kingdom into two — one each for the Kauravas and Pandavas.

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- **What happened / क्या हुआ**

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- It is projected as a **"next-generation security shield" against terrorism.** / इसे आतंकवाद के खिलाफ **"नेक्स्ट-जेन सुरक्षा ढाल"** बताया गया। Press Information... +1

- **What the system contains / सिस्टम में क्या होगा**

- A **centralised, organised digital archive** of IED/bomb-blast related incidents to support investigation & analysis. / IED/बम-ब्लास्ट घटनाओं का **केंद्रीकृत डिजिटल रिकॉर्ड**, जांच व विश्लेषण के लिए। The Economic Ti... +1
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- **Who will use it / किसके लिए**

- Accessible to multiple agencies (state police/CAPFs/investigating & anti-terror agencies). / राज्य पुलिस, CAPFs और अन्य जांच/एंटी-टेरर एजेंसियों के लिए उपयोगी। The Economic Ti... +1

- **Why it matters / क्यों महत्वपूर्ण**

- Helps **probe terrorist activities**, identify **patterns, modus operandi**, and improve counter-strategies. / आतंकवादी गतिविधियों की जांच, **पैटर्न/मोडस-ऑपेरेंडी** समझने और रणनीति बनाने में मदद। The Times of India +1
- Enables **"signature linkages"** between incidents (e.g., similar device/circuit methods), aiding predictive insights. / घटनाओं के बीच **"सिग्नेचर लिंक"** (जैसे समान डिवाइस/सर्किट) बनाकर भविष्य के संकेत (predictive insights) देने में मदद। The Week +1

Topic (EN/Hi)	Crisp fact for MCQ
NIDMS / एनआईडीएमएस	National digital platform for IED incident data; supports analysis + inter-agency sharing
"Signature linkages" / सिग्नेचर लिंक	Links incidents based on similarities (method/circuit/device signatures) for investigation insights
NSG legal basis / NSG का कानूनी आधार	NSG formally came into existence under National Security Guard Act, 1986 (assent 22 Sept 1986)
NSG control / NSG किसके अधीन	NSG is under Ministry of Home Affairs
NIA basics / एनआईए बेसिक्स	NIA is a statutory body under NIA Act, 2008 (constituted in 2009; MHA)
UAPA core / यूएपीए	UAPA enacted in 1967 ; key internal security law

Exam	Date	Question (paraphrased)	Answer
UPSC Mains (GS3 – Internal Security)	2019	Role of Over Ground Workers (OGWs) in insurgency areas; measures to neutralize influence	Descriptive
OPSC OAS (GS Paper-I)	22 Nov 2022	Identify incorrect statements about NIA (e.g., primary task force, permission from states etc.)	As per paper: option marking (ii) & (iii) incorrect
UP Police SI (Official PYP)	17 Nov 2021 (Shift 3)	"Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency" in India?	NIA
UP Police SI (Official PYP)	25 Nov 2021 (Shift 3)	Force specialised in counter-terrorism, anti-hijacking, hostage rescue?	NSG
IBPS Clerk Mains (Memory-based)	29 Nov 2025	NSG formally established in which year?	1986
Haryana CET Group D (PYP)	21 Oct 2023 (Shift 1)	Statements: NSG HQ in Manesar; NSG under MHA	Both correct
ACC CGAT (PYP)	Aug 2019	NSG operation during 26/11 Mumbai (Taj etc.)	Operation Black Tornado

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2. The platform aims to build **signature linkages** between incidents to help investigations and trend analysis. / यह प्लेटफॉर्म घटनाओं के बीच **सिग्नेचर लिंक** बनाकर जांच/ट्रेंड एनालिसिस में मदद करेगा।

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In a report submitted to the NGT in October 2023, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) noted that "application for the prior-approval for the project development of Tent City has been made after the project has already been implemented in 2022".

- **NGT finding / NGT की टिप्पणी**
 - NGT said a **"Tent City"** on the Ganga riverbed in Varanasi (U.P.), operated in **2023**, was in **violation of environmental laws**.
 - NGT linked the violation to **environmental norms** and provisions of the **River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016**.
- **Project inauguration context / उद्घाटन का संदर्भ**
 - The project was inaugurated on **13 January 2023** by the Prime Minister; it was positioned as accommodation support for tourists/devotees visiting Kashi.
- **Petition & allegations / याचिका और आरोप**
 - Petition claimed the Tent City was set up **without requisite clearances**.
 - Allegations included: **pollution of riverbed/river water**, harm to **flora & fauna**, and **sewage discharge directly into the river**.
- **Environmental compensation & recovery / पर्यावरण क्षतिपूर्ति और वसूली**
 - Environmental compensation was **levied**, but **not recovered**; NGT directed that it be **recovered expeditiously** (order dated **Jan 8** as mentioned in the report).

- **NGT Bench / NGT पीठ**
 - Principal Bench included **Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava** and **Expert Member A. Senthil Vel** (as shown in the article image).
- **Future compliance direction / भविष्य के लिए निर्देश**
 - NGT emphasized that **no such Tent City should be allowed on the bank of River Ganga or its tributaries** if it violates environmental norms (as quoted in the report).
- **Kachhua Wildlife Sanctuary angle / कछुआ अभयारण्य वाला मुद्दा**
 - Applicant alleged the Tent City was set up at the place of '**Kachhua Wildlife Sanctuary**', allegedly **de-notified in 2020**.
 - NGT said since the sanctuary de-notification issue is **pending before the Supreme Court**, it **did not deem it proper** to go into it.
- **NMCG observation / NMCG का अवलोकन**
 - In an **Oct 2023 report** to NGT, NMCG noted that **application for prior-approval was made after the project had already been implemented (in 2022)**.

Topic (EN/HI)	Exam-ready facts (short)
NGT / राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण	Established under National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 ; aims for effective & expeditious disposal of environmental cases
River Ganga Authorities Order, 2016 / गंगा प्राधिकरण आदेश 2016	Notified 07.10.2016 (India Code listing); comes into force upon Gazette publication
Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 / पर्यावरण संरक्षण अधिनियम 1986	Umbrella law empowering Central Govt to protect/improve environment & issue directions
UPPCB & Environmental Compensation / पर्यावरण क्षतिपूर्ति	Used as a regulatory tool by pollution control boards; often linked to "polluter pays" logic (conceptually important for GS)
Why "Prior Approval" matters / पूर्व-अनुमोदन का महत्व	Projects in sensitive river/floodplain zones typically require clearances/permissions; "post-facto" approval is a common compliance red-flag

Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims 2012	20 May 2012	<i>NGT Act, 2010 was enacted in consonance with which Constitutional provision(s)?</i>	Right to healthy environment as part of Article 21 (Option: 1 only)
UPSC CSE Prelims 2018	03 Jun 2018	<i>NGT vs CPCB difference (Act vs executive order; roles)</i>	As per official key: statement(s) evaluated accordingly
UPSC CSE Prelims 2022	05 Jun 2022	<i>Which body is constituted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986?</i>	Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA)
UPSC CSE Mains (GS3) 2015	Mains 2015	<i>Discuss Namami Gange & NMCG; causes of mixed results; quantum leaps needed</i>	Descriptive
UPPSC RO/ARO (GS Paper-I)	20 Sep 2020	<i>NGT was established by Govt. of India in...</i>	2010
MPPSC GS (State Service)	2018	<i>Full form of NGT?</i>	National Green Tribunal
RRB JE EE (Official Paper)	30 Aug 2019 (Shift 2)	<i>First Chairperson of NGT?</i>	Justice Lokeshwar Singh Panta
RBI Assistant Mains (Memory-based)	2022	<i>Where is the principal office of NGT?</i>	New Delhi

Q. News के संदर्भ में कथन देखिए / Consider the statements (based on the news image):

- 1. NGT observed that the Varanasi Tent City was operated in violation of environmental norms and the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016.**

/ NGT ने कहा कि वाराणसी टेंट सिटी ने पर्यावरणीय मानदंडों तथा गंगा प्राधिकरण आदेश 2016 के प्रावधानों का उल्लंघन किया।

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/ NMCG ने कहा कि पूर्व-अनुमोदन का आवेदन परियोजना लागू होने (2022) के बाद किया गया।

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DAMASCUS

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RAMALLAH

Envoy tapped for Trump's Gaza board meets Palestinian official



Michael Madsen, the former US envoy expected to help lead Donald Trump's so-called Board of Peace for Gaza met a top Palestinian Authority official on Friday as the U.S. President pushes ahead with his plan for the enclave's future. Mr. Trump is expected to announce composition of the board this month. AP/PT

SEOUL

South Korea's Yoon faces potential death sentence request in trial



A South Korean court trying former President Yoon Suk Yeol on corruption charges put off a sentencing request after a marathon session on Friday, in a case that could give him the death penalty over his failed martial law bid in 2024. The court is expected to rule in February, capping over a year of political upheaval. AP/PT

DUBAI

Nearly 20 flights between Dubai and Iranian cities cancelled



At least 17 flights scheduled for Friday between Dubai and Iranian cities including Tehran, Shiraz and Mashhad have been cancelled, the Dubai Airports website showed. A counterparty Internet blackout was reported to ban on Thursday and extended into Friday as authorities moved to curb protests. AP/PT

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Agence France-Presse
KYIV

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Escalating conflict: A residential building burns after a Russian strike in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Friday. AP

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Agence France-Presse
RIYADH

A delegation of Yemeni separatists allegedly held in Riyadh said their movement was dissolving on Friday after a failed last-gasp bid to influence Saudi Arabia, but the announcement was dismissed as made under duress by their colleagues based in the UAE.

Southern Transitional Council secretary general Abdulrahman al-Sabahi, part of a high-level delegation that the STC says has been "arbitrarily detained" by Saudi authorities, read a prepared statement on Saudi TV.

The announcement escalates a rapidly evolving situation after the UAE-backed RTC's offensive in southern Yemen was put down by Saudi military power, exposing a rift between the powerful Gulf allies.

"We announce the dissolution of the Southern Transitional Council," said the statement, which was also carried by the Saudi



Contentious state: Insiders gather outside the headquarters of the Southern Transitional Council in Aden, Yemen. AP/PT

sponsored Yemeni government's news agency.

It pledged their "commitment to working towards achieving our just goals through peaceful means, preparations for a comprehensive southern conference under the auspices of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia".

Saudi officials have not commented on the group's status. Other Yemeni officials shown in the TV footage, sitting behind long tables in a conference room, appeared somber.

But STC officials outside the kingdom signalled that the move had been made under duress.

STC vice president Hani bin Breik, who is based in the United Arab Emirates capital Abu Dhabi, slammed the announcement in a statement on X as a "political farce".

He said the decision was taken "under pressure and coercion by an STC team shackled by the restrictions of house arrest".

"Decisions concerning the STC can only be made by the council in its entirety, under the chairmanship of the president," a council statement said.

Kurdish fighters refuse to leave Syria's Aleppo after truce

Agence France-Presse
ALEPPO

Kurdish fighters rejected a call to leave Syria's Aleppo on Friday after the government announced a truce in deadly fighting that forced thousands of civilians to flee.

Since Tuesday, government forces had been fighting the U.S.-backed Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in Aleppo, the country's second city.

"The violence killed 21 people and was the latest challenge for a country still struggling to forge a new path after Islamic authorities ousted long-time ruler Bashar al-Assad just over a year ago."

It also forced around 30,000 families to flee their homes, according to the U.N.

Both sides traded blame over who started the fighting, which came as they struggled to implement a deal to merge the Kurds' administration and military into the country's new government.

On Friday, the Defence Ministry announced a ceasefire in the fighting with the SDF, which controls swathes of Syria's oil-rich north and northeast, and was key to the defeat of the Islamic State group in 2015.

"We have decided to remain in our districts and defend them," an SDF statement said.

Fiery horizon



Wild blaze: Firefighters work on a road during a wildfire in El Hoyo, Argentina, on Thursday. AP

Meloni rules out U.S. military move on Greenland, urges NATO Arctic presence

Rome

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said on Friday she did not believe the United States would use military force to seize Greenland, warning that such a move would have grave consequences for NATO.

At her traditional New Year's press conference, Ms. Meloni added that there was a need for a "clear and significant" NATO presence in the Arctic

region, including Greenland.

"I continue not to believe in the hypothesis that the United States would launch a military action to take control of Greenland, as option 1 would clearly not support," Mr. Meloni said.

"I believe it would not be in anyone's interest. I think it would not even be in the interest of the United States of America, to be clear," she added.

A weekend U.S. military



Giorgia Meloni

land. The White House said on Tuesday that the U.S. was considering a range of options to acquire strategic assets, including the use of military force.

Mr. Meloni, who is seen as one of Donald Trump's closest allies in Europe, said the U.S. "clear to everyone" that any U.S. move on Greenland would have a significant impact on NATO, adding this was the reason she did not think the fighting between Israel and Hamas would act on its threats.

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Hamas says Israeli strikes on Gaza Strip 'cannot happen without American cover'

Agence France-Presse
Gaza City

A Hamas official said on Friday that Israeli strikes on Gaza "cannot happen without American cover".

The day after Israeli attacks killed at least 13 people, according to the Palestinian territory's civil defence agency.

Since October 8, a fragile U.S.-sponsored truce in Gaza has largely halted the fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas, but

both sides have alleged frequent violations. Gaza's civil defence agency - which operates as a rescue force under Hamas authority - said Israeli attacks across the territory on Thursday killed at least 13 people, in-

cluding five children.

In a statement on Friday morning, the Israeli military said it "precisely struck Hamas terror cells and terror infrastructure" in response to a "failed ceasefire" launch effort.

"Just yesterday, 13 people were killed in different areas of the Strip on fabricated pretexts, in addition to the hundreds of injured and wounded who preceded them after the ceasefire," Hamas political bureau member, Hussein

Naim, wrote on Telegram.

"This cannot happen without American cover or a green light."

Israeli forces have killed at least 430 Palestinians in Gaza since the ceasefire project, according to the Health Ministry in the Hamas-run territory.

Mr. Naim also accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of "betraying his commitments and escalating in order to sabotage the agreement and return to war."

Trump says oil firms have pledged to invest \$100 bn in Venezuela

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday the world's biggest oil companies pledged to invest \$100 billion to revive Venezuela's oil sector as he prepared for a meeting with top industry executives.

U.S. forces seized Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro in a sweeping military operation on January 3, with Mr. Trump making no secret that control of Venezuela's oil was at the heart of his actions.

"At least 100 billion dollars will be invested by OPEC+, all of whom I will be meeting with today at The White House," Mr. Trump



Donald Trump

wrote on his social media platform ahead of the gathering, where he was expected to convene the oil heads to support his plans in Venezuela.

In his social media post, Mr. Trump also said he cancelled a second wave of strikes on Venezuela due to what he called "cooperation" from the country.

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- **Russia's claim on "why now" / रूस का दावा – "क्यों"**
 - Moscow claimed the strike was in response to a **December Ukrainian drone attack on Putin's residence**; Ukraine **denied** it.
 - मॉस्को का दावा: यह दिसंबर में पुतिन के आवास पर यूक्रेनी ड्रोन हमले के जवाब में था; यूक्रेन ने इनकार किया। Reuters
- **Human impact in Kyiv / कीव में असर**
 - The assault **killed 4 and wounded at least 24** in Kyiv (incl. emergency responders); apartment blocks were set ablaze.
 - कीव में **4 मौतें और कम-से-कम 24 घायल** (आपातकर्मियों भी); अपार्टमेंट ब्लॉक्स में आग लगी।
- **Europe troops plan & Russia's rejection / यूरोपीय सैनिकों वाला प्लान**
 - Ukraine + Western allies agreed Europe could **deploy troops after a ceasefire**; Moscow repeatedly rejected Western forces in Ukraine and warned such troops could be seen as **legitimate military targets.**
 - यूक्रेन+पश्चिमी सहयोगी: सीजफायर के बाद **यूरोपीय सैनिक तैनाती**; रूस का विरोध—ऐसी सेनाएँ **"legitimate targets"** मानी जा सकती हैं।

- **Wider operational details / अन्य प्रमुख बातें**

- Ukraine put the country on **missile alert** after confirming Russian bombers were airborne.
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- **Russia's stated war aims / रूस का रुख**

- Report mentions Russia occupies ~**20%** of Ukraine and insists on control of the **Donbas** region as part of any settlement.
- रिपोर्ट के अनुसार रूस ~**20%** यूक्रेन पर कब्जे की स्थिति में है और किसी भी सेटलमेंट में **Donbas** पर नियंत्रण की बात करता है। AP News

Exam	Date (as per source)	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims (GS) 2023	28 May 2023	Conflict-location pairs: Donbas–Syria, Kachin–Ethiopia, Tigray–North Yemen (how many correct?)	None (0)
UPSC EPFO (GAT) 2016	2016	Scramjet engine statements (ISRO 2016 test etc.)	As per paper key (statement-based)
RRB NTPC CBT-I (Official)	06 Apr 2021 (Shift 1)	What kind of organisation is NATO?	Intergovernmental Military Alliance
RPF SI CBT-I (Official)	09 Dec 2024 (Shift 2)	NATO member countries as on 30 Sep 2024?	32
OPSC ASO (GK) Official	27 Aug 2022	Where is NATO HQ?	Brussels

Topic (EN/HI)	Quick facts (MCQ-friendly)
Oreshnik missile / "ओरेशनिक"	Reported as a Russian intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) ; can carry conventional or nuclear warheads; highlighted for very high speed (~Mach 10) ; used in Ukraine again in Jan 2026
Hypersonic / हाइपरसोनिक	Hypersonic speed generally means Mach 5+ (5× speed of sound)
Ballistic vs hypersonic glide / बैलिस्टिक बनाम HGV	Ballistic missiles largely follow a predictable trajectory; hypersonic glide/cruise systems are harder to track due to speed + manoeuvre (conceptual difference)
Donbas / डोनबास	Donbas is in Ukraine (common mapping trap in Prelims)
NATO relevance / नाटो	Russia's stated rationale includes resisting NATO expansion; NATO facts often asked: HQ Brussels , alliance type etc.



World Hindi Day 2026

- **What is World Hindi Day? / विश्व हिंदी दिवस क्या है?**
 - Observed to recognise Hindi's **global presence beyond India**, especially among diaspora communities.
 - हिंदी के वैश्विक प्रसार और भारत से बाहर इसके उपयोग/पहचान को रेखांकित करने के लिए मनाया जाता है।
- **When is it observed in 2026? / 2026 में कब?**
 - 10 January 2026.
 - 10 जनवरी 2026। MEA India +1
- **Why 10 January? / 10 जनवरी ही क्यों?**
 - It commemorates the **first World Hindi Conference** held on **10 Jan 1975** in **Nagpur**.
 - 10 जनवरी 1975 को नागपुर में हुए प्रथम विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन की स्मृति। MEA India +1
- **How is it generally observed? / आमतौर पर कैसे मनाया जाता है?**
 - Government of India (through **embassies/diplomatic missions**) organises programmes—talks, literary readings, discussions, cultural events—focus on **awareness over scale**.
 - भारत सरकार (मुख्यतः दूतावास/मिशनो के माध्यम से) व्याख्यान, साहित्य-पाठ, चर्चा, सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम—भव्यता से अधिक जागरूकता पर जोर। MEA India +1

Topic (EN/HI)	Exam-ready fact
World Hindi Day vs Hindi Diwas / विश्व हिंदी दिवस बनाम हिंदी दिवस	World Hindi Day: 10 Jan (global focus). Hindi Diwas: 14 Sept (adoption of Hindi as official language decision in 1949).
Constitution: Official language / संविधान: आधिकारिक भाषा	Article 343(1): Official language of Union = Hindi in Devanagari ; numerals = international form of Indian numerals .
Directive for Hindi development / हिंदी विकास का निर्देश	Article 351: Duty of Union to promote spread/development of Hindi; enrichment primarily from Sanskrit .
Eighth Schedule / आठवीं अनुसूची	Eighth Schedule lists 22 scheduled languages .
World Hindi Conference / विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन	First conference: 10–12 Jan 1975, Nagpur ; linked with why WHD is on 10 Jan.

Exam	Date	Question (as asked / gist)
UPSC (CDS 02/2022 – GK, Official)	04 Sep 2022	Which language was added to the Eighth Schedule by a Constitutional Amendment in 1967 ?
PSC/State (UPSSSC PET, Official)	24 Aug 2021 (Shift 1)	हिन्दी दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?
SSC (SSC MTS 2024, Official)	01 Oct 2024 (Shift 1)	World Hindi Day is celebrated on—
Railway (RRB NTPC CBT-I, Official)	27 Feb 2021 (Shift 1)	The World Hindi Day is celebrated annually on ____.
Railway (RRB Group D, Official)	26 Sept 2022 (Shift 3)	“Official language of the Union shall be Hindi in Devanagari script” is in which Article?
Bank (SBI PO Mains GA practice set – memory-based)	17 Jan 2023	World Hindi Day is celebrated on? (GA quiz used for bank prep)


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- World Hindi Day is observed on **10 January** and links to the **first World Hindi Conference (Nagpur, 1977)**.

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दुसुवणुघ

- Hindi Diwas is observed on **14 September** to mark the adoption of Hindi as the official language decision (Constituent Assembly, 1949).

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- Options /शुभ्रडु हः
 - A) 1 only / इडुअचु 1
 - B) 2 only / इडुअचु 2
 - C) Both 1 and 2 / दुलुहसु
 - D) Neither / इरुह णुह

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India's first fully paperless district
judiciary

- **What happened / क्या हुआ**

- India's first **fully paperless district judiciary** was inaugurated in **Kalpetta (Wayanad), Kerala.** / भारत की पहली पूरी तरह पेपरलेस जिला न्यायपालिका कल्पेट्टा (वायनाड), केरल में शुरू हुई। Live Law +2
- It was virtually inaugurated by **Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant** on **6 Jan 2026.** / इसका वर्चुअल उद्घाटन भारत के मुख्य न्यायाधीश (CJI) जस्टिस सूर्यकांत ने 6 जनवरी 2026 को किया। Live Law +1
- *(Your screenshot shows a site date Jan 10; the inauguration/event itself is reported as Jan 6.)*

Live Law +1

- **What "fully paperless" means / "पूरी तरह पेपरलेस" का अर्थ**

- Entire workflow becomes **end-to-end digital**: filing → scrutiny → case records → orders (no physical files). / केस की पूरी प्रक्रिया डिजिटल: फाइलिंग → स्कूटनी → रिकॉर्ड → आदेश (फिजिकल फाइल नहीं)।

Live Law +2

- Technology backbone / ་་་ ་་་་་ ་ ་་་

- The system was developed **in-house by Kerala High Court**, including a **District Court Case Management System** for judges' instant access to e-records.

- AI integration / AI इन्टिग्रेशन

- Judges get AI-enabled support for tasks like **structured summaries**, retrieval of case-specific info, and **document annotation** (assistive, not decision-making).

- Why it matters / **इसका महत्व**

- Faster processes, transparency, lower litigation costs; helps ordinary litigants & MSMEs; also framed as “green jurisprudence” via reduced paper use. / **ब्रह्म गव ल्धि, हवधल्लुव, चवण ल् इख; ष ख अत्र गव्धुन MSMEs इव चवक; इवणध त व इव्धु “इह ष न्धल्लु” इव व्धुव्धु**

Topic (EN/HI)	High-probability facts for MCQ
Kalpetta paperless district / कल्पेट्टा पेपरलेस जिला	India's first fully paperless district judiciary; Wayanad, Kerala
Who inaugurated / उद्घाटन किसने	CJI Surya Kant , virtually; event reported on 6 Jan 2026
e-Courts governance / ई-कोर्ट्स गवर्नेंस	e-Committee, Supreme Court of India oversees the e-Courts project
NJDG / नेशनल ज्यूडिशियल डेटा ग्रिड	NJDG provides consolidated case statistics (instituted/disposed/pendency) across courts; updated daily
Phase III focus / फेज-III फोकस	e-Courts Phase III aims toward digital/online/paperless courts , digitising legacy records + universal e-filing/e-payments

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UPSC CSE Mains (GS-2)	2023	“E-governance... has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability... What inadequacies hamper enhancement of these features?”	Descriptive (10 marks) (UPSC)
APPSC Group 1 Prelims (GS & Mental Ability) – Official	2017	As per NJDG (April 2017), approx. % cases pending > 2 years?	Options given: 45/55/65/75 (answer as per paper key) (
SSC/Bank/Railway (GA – practice/memory-based)	—	SUPACE stands for what? (AI portal of Supreme Court)	Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court’s Efficiency

• News ~~ഇന്ത്യയിലെ ആദ്യത്തെ~~ / Consider the statements:

• India's first fully paperless district judiciary was inaugurated at **Kalpetta, Wayanad (Kerala)**.

/ കേരളത്തിലെ ആദ്യത്തെ പൂർണ്ണ പേപ്പർലെസ്സ് ജുഡീഷ്യൽ പ്രവർത്തനം **കാൽപേട്ട, വേയാനാഡ് (കേരളം)**യിൽ ആയി.

• The initiative was inaugurated virtually by **CJI Justice Surya Kant** on **6 January 2026**.

/ ഈ പ്രവർത്തനം **CJI സുര്യ കന്ത്** 6 ജനുവരി 2026 ന് വെർച്വൽ ആയി ആയി.

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(UIDAI “Udai” mascot)

- What happened / प्र इ

- UIDAI unveiled a resident-facing Aadhaar mascot named “**Udai (इद ग)**” to make Aadhaar communication **simpler, more inclusive and people-friendly**.

- UIDAI प्र श्रघ द्दम्ह न्त्र इवघ इद्र दघच, द्रप्रवग्गह ँ घ ष्रणघड् -१ इद्र ष्रणघड् इद्र श्रघड् “**इद ग (Udai)**” प्रव इव रग्ग च्छ गवद

- Purpose / इद्र


- Udai will act as a **communication companion** to help citizens understand and navigate Aadhaar services.

- इद ग इद्र इ इद्र इद्र इद्र द्रव्ह इह लघण इवघ इघघ, लघ च्छ ष्रघ द्दम्ह इद्र द्रव्ह द्द द्रवघ्घ इद्र इद्र इद्र इद्र इद्र इद्र


- What it will help with / श्र ष्र द्दम्ह रग्ग

- Aadhaar updates, authentication, offline verification, selective information sharing, technology upgrades, and responsible usage practices.
- उद्देश्य १ है, जो लोगों को उनके अधिकारों के बारे में अधिक जानकारी देना है, और उन्हें अपने अधिकारों का उपयोग करने में मदद करना है। उद्देश्य २ है, जो लोगों को उनके अधिकारों का उपयोग करने में मदद करना है, और उन्हें अपने अधिकारों का उपयोग करने में मदद करना है।
- Selection process / प्रक्रिया
- Udaï (name + mascot) was selected through a **national competition on MyGov**; winner announced as **Arun Gokul (Kerala)** from **875 entries**.
- देश भर में आयोजित प्रतियोगिता में 875 प्रवेशपत्रों में से एक प्रवेशपत्र (उदाय) का चयन किया गया।

Topic (EN/HI)	Exam-ready fact
UIDAI / यूआईडीएआई	UIDAI is the authority for Aadhaar ecosystem; the Udaï mascot is meant for citizen-friendly communication
Aadhaar Act / आधार अधिनियम	UIDAI functions under Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016
Ministry / मंत्रालय	UIDAI is under MeitY (Ministry of Electronics & IT)
MyGov / माईगव	Udaï selected via MyGov national contest; 875 entries
Core exam angle / प्रीलिम्स एंगल	"Udaï" = Aadhaar mascot; askable as Match the following (Institution–Mascot–Purpose)



Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims (GS-1)	03 Jun 2018	Aadhaar: (1) proof of citizenship/domicile? (2) once issued cannot be deactivated/omitted?	Neither 1 nor 2
UPSC CSE Prelims (GS-1)	03 Jun 2018	Aadhaar open APIs imply: (1) integrated into any electronic device (2) online iris authentication possible	Both 1 and 2
SSC CHSL Tier-I (Official Paper)	11 Jul 2024 (Shift 2)	UIDAI is under which ministry?	MeitY



• Uda (उदै) Aadhaar mascot / Consider the statements:

• Uda was launched by UIDAI as a resident-facing mascot to simplify Aadhaar communication and improve public awareness.

/ UIDAI “उदै” नामक आभार-सम्पर्क-संकेतक -१ प्रारम्भ किया है।
उदै एक सरल और आकर्षक आभार-संकेतक है जो आभार-संकेतक को सरल और आकर्षक बनाने में मदद करेगा।

• Uda (name & mascot) was selected through a national competition on MyGov, and the winner was announced from **875 entries**.

/ “उदै” नामक आभार-संकेतक MyGov पर आयोजित राष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिता में चुना गया था।
उदै 875 प्रतियोगिताओं में से एक था।

• Options / विकल्प:

A) 1 only B) 2 only C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither

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Keyi Panyor = India's first “Bio-Happy
District”

•What happened / प्र इ

•Keyi Panyor district (Arunachal Pradesh) is set to become India's first "Bio-Happy District".

•१ इरुद्र च इरुद्र इरुद्र Keyi Panyor च चर क्रकल इरुद्र हणचर "Bio-Happy District" प ष

•Core idea / ररर शरद्रघ

•The initiative revives "Biohappiness"—a concept coined by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan: well-being when biodiversity is conserved and sustainably used to improve nutrition, health, income, and harmony with nature.

•"Biohappiness" (नर-प रर/नर-ररर) — मर इरर. इर. ररररररर रररररररररर — न
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•Who is implementing / इच्छा चरणा इच्छा घण्टा

- Implemented by **M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)** in collaboration with the **district administration**.

•MSSRF ਤੇ ਬੀ ਆਰ ਡਾਟਕੋਏ ਡਿਪਾਰਟਮੈਂਟ ਫੁੱਲਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਪਰ ਚਰਚਾਜ਼ਾਬਾਹੁ ਜਾਣੂ

•What will be assessed / प्रश्न-प्रश्न ७ इ च ८ पञ्चाशत्

- Focus on **livelihoods, agro-biodiversity, and local ecological systems** to build a sustainable development model rooted in ecology + livelihoods + public health.

• न्हअइव्र, इङ्गा वगडा वगअइव्र, विण्हग सङ्गाअ aख इव्र ७ इ चण—हगकाध, ७ न्हअइव्र अ घ द्रवअण्ड sng
७ श्रवण श्रइव्रर खणचट्ट

•About Keyi Panyor district / Keyi Panyor

- **A new district** with HQ **Yachuli**, carved out of **Lower Subansiri**; officially established **1 March 2024**.

• एगव्रश्च चव्र, रश्च वचग गव्रश्च, Lower Subansiri ढङ्ग ष्व; 1 खव्र 2024 डङ्ग ष्व

Topic (EN/HI)	Exam-ready facts
Biohappiness / जैव-आनंद	Defined as well-being arising when biodiversity is conserved + used sustainably to enhance health/nutrition/income
Keyi Panyor district / केयी पान्योर	HQ: Yachuli; created by bifurcating Lower Subansiri ; established 1 Mar 2024
Why "Bio-Happy District" matters / महत्व	Links biodiversity conservation with human well-being & livelihoods (UPSC GS3 ecology/agri + SDGs angle)
Hotspot trap / ट्रैप पॉइंट	India's biodiversity hotspots are Himalaya, Western Ghats & Sri Lanka, Indo-Burma, Sundaland (Nicobar) —not "Western Himalayas/Eastern Himalayas" as separate hotspots

Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims	2010	Biodiversity hotspots statements (only tropical? + India has "four hotspots: Eastern Himalayas, Western Himalayas..." etc.)	Neither 1 nor 2 (Option D)
UPSC CSE Prelims	2015	National Park with climate ranging from tropical → subtropical → temperate → arctic	Namdapha National Park (Arunachal Pradesh)
UPSC CSE Mains GS-3	2019	Contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya & Dr. M. S. Swaminathan (water engineering & agricultural science)	Descriptive
RRB NTPC CBT-I (Official)	08 Apr 2021 (Shift 2)	M. S. Swaminathan is associated with which revolution?	Green Revolution
SSC GD Constable (Official)	05 Mar 2024 (Shift 1)	Father of Green Revolution in India?	M. S. Swaminathan

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- Bio-Happy District initiative इति प्रारम्भिक कृषि क्षेत्रम् / Consider the statements:
 - Keyi Panyor in Arunachal Pradesh is proposed as India's **first Bio-Happy District**.
 / १ इत्युक्तं सत्यम् इति Keyi Panyor क्षेत्रम् इति ह्युक्तं **Bio-Happy District** इति प्रस्तावितम्
 - “Biohappiness” concept (as used here) is linked to **conserving biodiversity and using it sustainably** for human well-being.
 / “Biohappiness” इति विचारः **वैविध्यवैविध्यं रक्षितुं च इत्युक्तं** इति **संरक्षितम्** इति प्रयुक्तम् इति प्रयुक्तम्
 - Options: A) 1 only B) 2 only C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither

*(Bengaluru: best
Indian city for
women, 2025*

- **What happened / क्या हुआ**
 - **Bengaluru** was ranked **India's best city for women in 2025** in Avtar Group's *Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) 2025* report.
 - Avtar Group की *TCWI 2025* रिपोर्ट में बेंगलुरु को 2025 में महिलाओं के लिए भारत का सर्वश्रेष्ठ शहर रैंक किया गया। The Times of India +1
- **Top-5 cities / शीर्ष 5 शहर**
 - Bengaluru (CIS 53.29), Chennai (49.86), Pune (46.27), Hyderabad (46.04), Mumbai (44.49).
 - बेंगलुरु (CIS 53.29), चेन्नई (49.86), पुणे (46.27), हैदराबाद (46.04), मुंबई (44.49)। The New Indian E... +1
- **Who did the study & coverage / स्टडी किसकी और कितने शहर**
 - Conducted by **Avtar Group** (workplace culture/inclusion consulting); **125 cities** assessed (comparisons since 2022 mentioned).
 - **Avtar Group** द्वारा अध्ययन; 125 शहरों का आकलन (2022 से तुलना का भी उल्लेख)। The New Indian E... +1
- **How ranking is built / रैंकिंग कैसे बनी**
 - Cities are ranked by **City Inclusion Score (CIS)** derived from **two parameters**:
 - **Social Inclusion Score (SIS)** and
 - **Industrial Inclusion Score (IIS)**.
 - रैंकिंग **City Inclusion Score (CIS)** पर आधारित है, जो दो पैरामीटर से बनता है:
 - **SIS (Social Inclusion Score)** और
 - **IIS (Industrial Inclusion Score)**। The Times of India +1

- **What SIS & IIS measure / SIS और IIS में क्या देखा गया**

- **SIS:** liveability, safety, women's representation in employment, women's empowerment indicators.
- **IIS:** women-friendly industries, inclusive organisations, workplace participation/representation, career enablers.
- **SIS:** livability, safety, रोजगार में महिलाओं की भागीदारी, empowerment indicators।
- **IIS:** women-friendly industries, gender-inclusive organisations, workplace participation/representation, career enablers। [The Times of India +1](#)

- **Important insight / रिपोर्ट का बड़ा निष्कर्ष**

- Industrial growth alone doesn't guarantee women-friendly cities—**Delhi/Gurugram/Noida** do well on IIS but lag on social indicators like safety/affordability/mobility.
- केवल industrial growth पर्याप्त नहीं—**दिल्ली/गुरुग्राम/नोएडा** IIS में अच्छे, लेकिन safety/affordability/mobility जैसे social indicators में पीछे। [The New Indian E... +1](#)

Rank	City	City Inclusion Score (CIS)
1	Bengaluru	53.29
2	Chennai	49.86
3	Pune	46.27
4	Hyderabad	46.04
5	Mumbai	44.49

Component

What it captures (EN)

आकृति रक

SIS

Liveability, safety, women's employment representation, women's empowerment

घण्टा-गुण लव, दक्षिण, घण्टा पत्रघरक
बाल-आश्रु, दक्षिण इधर

IIS

Presence of inclusive orgs, women-friendly industries, career enablers, workplace participation

दूरवर्गक दक्षिण, women-
friendly सारक career
enablers, workplace
participation

CIS

Overall city rank = combined outcome of SIS + IIS

इधर घण्टा = SIS + IIS इधर
दक्षिण दक्षिण

Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CDS-I (GS)	13 Apr 2025	"Nirbhaya Fund" is administered by?	Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
RRB NTPC CBT-I	18 Jan 2021 (Shift 1)	Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was introduced to address—	Decline in girl child sex-ratio
SSC GD Constable	16 Jan 2023 (Shift 2)	NCW was set up as statutory body in January ____	1992
SSC Stenographer	07 Aug 2025 (Shift 2)	Main focus of BBBP scheme launched in 2015?	Girl child survival & education
RRB NTPC UG CBT-II	20 Dec 2025	How can gender equality contribute to human development?	By eliminating barriers to women's participation in education & workforce
UPSC CSE Mains (GS2)	2017	"Is the National Commission for Women able to strategise and tackle problems women face in public & private spheres?"	Descriptive (15 marks)

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- स्टेटमेंट्स को देखें / Consider the statements (as per the report):
 - The TCWI 2025 ranking assessed **125 cities** and uses **City Inclusion Score (CIS)**. / TCWI 2025 125 शहरों का रैंकिंग करता है और **CIS** का उपयोग करता है
 - CIS is derived from **two parameters: SIS and IIS**. / CIS दो पैरामीटरों से प्राप्त होता है—SIS और IIS
 - Options / शब्दों में:
 - A) 1 only / केवल 1
 - B) 2 only / केवल 2
 - C) Both 1 and 2 / दोनों
 - D) Neither / नeither

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Clampdown:

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Usage: *There was a clampdown on illegal activities.*

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